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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND EMAIL

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina

RE: Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions, Docket No. 2014-346-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On March 2, 2021, pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement in this matter and the Commission's Directive dated February 25, 2021, the Applicant, Daufuskie Island Utility Co., Inc. ("DIUC"), provided the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") with DIUC's proposed notice. A copy was also filed with the Commission. See Docket ID #297794. Although ORS and DIUC conferred multiple times over the following ten days, the parties did not reach agreement as to a jointly acceptable notice.

Accordingly, on March 12, 2021, DIUC filed and provided to ORS DIUC's Proposed Notice. <u>See</u> Docket ID #298389. On March 16, 2021 ORS filed a letter setting forth its two principal concerns with DIUC's Proposed Notice as submitted by the Applicant on March 12, 2021. <u>See</u> Docket ID # 298473.

DIUC intends to respond to the ORS letter before the close of business on Monday, March 22[,] 2021, with the hope that the Commission might consider DIUC's Proposed Notice in conjunction with its March 24, 2021, Business Meeting.

If the Commission prefers we handle the matter differently, please do not hesitate to contact me. ORS and DIUC have been working together cooperatively, and both parties are focused on moving this matter forward to the next phase of briefing on the remaining legal issues.

Sincerely,

/s/

Thomas P. Gressette, Jr.

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